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For : ISOLATION OF FIVE NOVEL GENES CODING FOR NEW Fc
RECEPTORS-TYPE MELANOMA INVOLVED IN THE
PATHOGENESIS OF LYMPHOMA/MYELOMA

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 1, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the December 1, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 1, 2004 Office Action is due on March 1, 2005. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 43-47, 69 and 70 are pending and under examination in the subject application. No claim has been added, canceled, or amended herein. Accordingly, claims 43-47, 69 and 70 are still pending and under examination.

In view of the remarks below, applicant maintains that the Examiner's rejection has been overcome, and respectfully